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VITOLDS POSKANIS, was.	INTERNAL SECURITY - R

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

VIKTORIA ALEKSANDRA ZULIS advised subject admitted during 1940-1941 that he was writing for the newspaper "Cina", which newspaper was, in her opinion, the official organ of the Latvian CP. Informant advised subject was seen and spoken to by her on June 24 or 25, 1941, in Adga, Latvia, at which time subject was wearing a swastika and patrolling in front of the former Cheka headquarters in Riga. At this time, subject attempted to belittle his past CP activities. MARIJA ZULIS advised subject's mother told her on or about 5/3/41, that it was the malediction of her family that both her husband and her son, the subject, were Communists.

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REFERENCE: Bureau letter to New York, 11/17/49.

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VIKTORIA ALEKZANDRA KULIS, 167 West 81st Street, New York City, advised that during 1940 or 1941, VITOLDS PORMANIS, while in Riga, Latvia, admitted in her presence at her residence, No. 4, Kurpnieku Street, Riga, Latvia, that he was writing for the newspaper, "Cina", which paper was, to her knowledge, the organ of the Latvian Communist Party.

VIKTORIA ALEKZANDRA KULIS further stated that on or about June 24 or 25, 1941, the first or second day of the German occupation of Riga, Latvia, while enroute to her home from the Central Prison of Riga, where she had gone endeavoring to find the body of her husband, MARTIN KULIS, she saw VITOLDS PORMANIS in front of the former Headquarters of the Cheka located at the corner of Stabu and Drivibas Streets, Riga, VIKTORIA KULIS advised that at this time PORMANIS was wearing civilian clothing, a swastika arm band and carrying a rifle and was patrolling in front of the former Cheka Station. VIKTORIA KULIS advised that she spoke with PORMANIS on this occasion and that to the best of her recollection, PORMANIS endeavored at this time to belittle his past Communist Party activities and indicated that his father was at this time in disfavor with the Russian authorities.

MARIJA KULIS, 167 West 81st Street, New York City, advised that on or about May 3, 1941, following her son, MARTIN'S, arrest by the Russian military authorities, she went to see Dr. PORMANIS, the subject's mother. MARIJA KULIS stated that to the best of her recollection, the subject's mother resided in a section of Riga located in the vicinity of the Central Prison. MARIJA KULIS stated that the street quite possibly bore the name, "Artillery Street". MARIJA KULIS advised that the subject's mother, Dr. PORMANIS, answered the door and that she introduced herself to Mrs. PORMANIS and asked for VITOLDS. Mrs. KULIS stated that Mrs. PORMANIS identified herself and informed her that VITOLDS was not at home.

MARIJA KULIS further stated that she informed Mrs. PORMANIS that her son, MARTIN, an acquaintence of VITOLD'S, had been arrested. MARIJA KULIS stated that Mrs. PORMANIS took her by the hand and led her out into the hallway of the PORMANIS' residence and advised her that she was unable to talk to her within the confines of their living quarters, inasmuch as there were microphones secreted in the house.

Mrs. KULIS stated that she informed Mrs. PORMANIS that the purpose of her call was to ascertain whether Mrs. PORMANIS' son, VITOLDS,

was in a position as a Communist, to ascertain the present location of MARTIN KULIS'S incarceration. MARIJA KULIS stated that Mrs. PORVANIS stated that her husband and son, VITOLD, were in no position to assist her. Mrs. KULIS stated that Mrs. PORVANIS informed her, "It is the malediction of my family that both my husband and son are Communists". MARIJA KULIS advised that this was the first and last occasion on which she had ever seen Mrs. PORVANIS, the subject's mother.

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